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¶1. (SBU) The lull in kidnappings had a very brief life.
Even before the six hostages released on August 23 could
depart the country, another incident occurred in Port
Harcourt. Two expatriates were taken hostage in Port
Harcourt last night after fighting broke out between mobile
police forces and militants at a local market. Two men, one
Italian, the other,s nationality is unknown to us, were
employees of Saipem, an oil service contractor working for
AGIP, an affiliate of Italian oil major ENI. Apparently
disregarding warnings issued by the companies to remain
indoors during the evenings, the expatriates may have been
drinking with the mobile police when the incident took place.
 Sources believe one army sergeant and one militant were
killed during the fight. After the militants fled the market
with their hostages, additional soldiers appeared, reportedly
razing a section of the market. While this could be just an
unfortunate circumstance, we suspect this was a targeted
kidnapping.

¶2. (SBU) Amcit Royce Parfait departed Lagos August 24
without incident. He is en route to Chattanooga, currently
awaiting his connection flight at Charles de Gaulle. Embassy
Paris is aware of his presence.
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